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## ART. IX. — CRITICAL NOTICES.

1. — *Glimpses of Europe: or, Notes drawn at Sight.* By a Merchant. Cincinnati: Rickey, Mallory, & Co. 1859. pp. 355.

A CINCINNATI merchant, Mr. Robert Hosea, here appears as an author, and adds one to the not insignificant number of books of European travel. His work is graphic and amusing, and was published not so much with the view of instructing the people at large, as of entertaining an unusually wide circle of personal friends. This, his well-known purpose, he has admirably fulfilled, and while his book makes no pretensions to scholarship, it indicates no small measure of both wit and wisdom.

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2. — *Peasant Life in Germany.* By MISS ANNA C. JOHNSON. New York: Charles Scribner. 1858. pp. 430.

THIS is a thorough, trustworthy, and entertaining book. From our own observation of the cottage life of Germany, we can corroborate the fidelity of Miss Johnson's researches. She went to that country, having it her main purpose to qualify herself to write a book on its peasantry, acquired the language, was admitted to all places, and has given a graphic account of what she saw and learned, with sage reflections on the principles, true and false, on which society and government rest. The author has a fine philosophical spirit, and discriminates well. She has given to the world a book which will please all readers. The historical reminiscences are appropriate and well told; the reasonings and reflections are sound and judicious, while the narrative is well sustained, and abounds in shrewd remark and playful humor.

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3. — *Morality and the State.* By SIMEON NASH. Columbus: Follett, Foster, & Co. 1859. pp. 442.

JUDGE NASH, of Ohio, here records the thoughts of twenty-five years on the speculative and practical relations of man to God. A two hours' conversation with the author had prepared us to find this book an embodiment of valuable thought. Our perusal of it confirms our anticipation. The author has given to the thinkers of the country a work of singular merit, calm, clear, and earnest. It is based on the joint testimony of consciousness and revelation. The spiritual wants of man are